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Hiroaki TOOYAMA

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/015269	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 15 October 2004	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/597,072
TITLE OF INVENTION DAMPING DEVICE		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 13 January 2004
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Hiroaki TOOYAMA		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). <p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 		

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21. <input type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... \$300		\$
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Independent claims	- 3 =	x \$200
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)		+ \$360
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$ 130.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.		65.00
SUBTOTAL =		\$ 65.00
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		\$ 65.00
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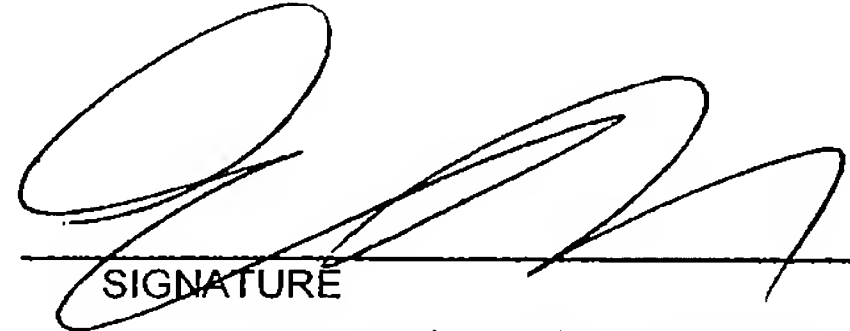
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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **DAMPING DEVICE**, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☒ was filed on July 10, 2006;
as United States Application Number 10/597,072.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Applications(s):			Priority Claimed	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>2004-005811</u> (Application No.)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>13 January 2004</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>PCT/JP2004/015269</u> (Application No.)	<u>PCT</u> (Country)	<u>15 October 2004</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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